



CENTENNIAL ELECTS NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER



Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon

Greetings 2010! Each New Year we resolve to improve our lives during the next year. As your new Mayor, my 2010 resolution is to work with you to make our City the best it can possibly be. I'm the "new guy", so I'll be listening, learning, and working to have my vision make a difference in our community. Watch for me at your district meetings,

community events, city open houses and town hall meetings. I want to hear from you and have you hear from me.

Centennial has a solid foundation. Past City leadership and lean government practices enable our City not only to operate efficiently during this economic downturn but also thrive when times get better. As the year starts, Centennial will transition to new leadership, set goals, and review practices to achieve those goals. Initially, my priorities are to have strong Census participation (our first, and important to put Centennial "on the map"), enhance our city identity and civic pride, set up a Senior Commission, and make sure our sales tax dollars flow into our city.

In 2010, I, along with City Council and City staff, commit to serving you to make Centennial a terrific community and ask for your involvement to help us succeed!

*Your Mayor,
Cathy Noon*

Centennial voters have elected a new Mayor and Council Member. The Mayor and Council terms are four years. The election results for the City of Centennial are:

Cathy Noon, Mayor: Cathy Noon is the Founder and Chair of the Centennial Council of Neighborhoods (CenCON). In 2007-08, Noon served as Chair of the Home Rule Charter Commission, a 21- member group elected to write Centennial's Home Rule Charter. In Centennial's early years, Noon chaired the 2001 committee created to pass three initiatives to fund the new City, served on the task force to write Centennial's first Comprehensive Plan, and is now a member of the advisory team rewriting Centennial's Land Development Code and Zoning.

She is the Arapahoe County Council on Aging representative to the Denver Regional Council of Governments Advisory Committee on Aging. She has served on numerous committees and special district boards in Centennial and Arapahoe County in the last eight years.

Ron Phelps, Council Member, District 1. Ron Phelps ran against six other candidates for a two-year term in District 1 to fill the vacated seat of Betty Ann Hamilton. Phelps serves on several community committees; Arapahoe County Budget, City Open Space, Parks & Trails Advisory Committee, and the City Land Use sub-committee guiding the redevelopment plan for the Southglenn neighborhood.

The outcome of the District 2 and 3 races resulted in incumbents ***Sue Bosier*** (District 2) and ***Rebecca McClellan*** (District 3) reclaiming their seats. Incumbents ***Rick Dindinger*** (District 1) and ***Ron Weidmann*** (District 4) ran unopposed.

We're Counting on You!

More than 37,000 households in the City of Centennial will each be receiving a Census 2010 questionnaire during the month of March with ten easy questions to answer.

"The stakes are very high for the 2010 Census," said Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon. "It is our first Census since incorporation and will better establish and define our City and its residents."

Centennial was established in 2001 with an estimated population of 103,000 people. Having a population of more than 100,000 is important for receiving state and federal funds. Every person counted means more money for schools, roads and senior services. Census figures help determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the 2000 Census, Colorado gained one seat. State legislative districts are redrawn after each census to ensure equal representation.

During most of the 20th Century, the Census had short forms and long forms to be completed. Since 2005, the Census Bureau has been using the more detailed long-form American Community

Survey on a yearly basis to more than 3 million households in the U.S. Rather than collecting the data every 10 years, the yearly survey provides a dynamic and much timelier look at community needs.

For the 2010 Census, everyone will receive an easy short form of 10 questions to mail back April 1st.



None of the information you provide will be available to any other government agency. In fact, information from the Census is kept confidential for 70 years after it is gathered.

During May and June, census workers will follow-up with households that did not return a questionnaire. These workers will have official, picture identification badges when they are collecting this information.

The Census Bureau has also opened an office at 7318 S. Revere Parkway, Suite B5, in Centennial, to serve Adams and Arapahoe Counties. This office is coordinating staffing for the various Census programs.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTES QUILT TO CENSUS AWARENESS EFFORTS

The City of Centennial loaned the Centennial/Aurora Census office a handmade quilt with handprints of children from Fox Hollow Elementary School, which serves residents in Centennial and Aurora. The colored handprints represent the theme for the 2010 census "It's in our Hands."



CITY UNVEILS SNOW PLAN

Yes, we have a Snow Plan!

The City of Centennial's Snow and Ice Control Plan provides information concerning the City's winter storm management policies and plans. This plan may be found on the City's Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com under the City Services, Public Works section.

Public Works crews plow streets in the following order:

- **Priority 1 roadways**— major arterial streets, streets with four or more travel lanes and streets that provide access for fire stations, the Sheriff's Office and hospitals.
- **Priority 2 roadways**— minor arterial and major collector streets that connect major arterial streets to residential streets, including school zones, major office areas and larger retail establishments.

Priority streets are identified on the City's snow route map, which can be found on the City Web site.

The Sheriff's Office is authorized to tow any vehicles abandoned in the travel lanes of Priority 1 and Priority 2 streets.

If your vehicle has been towed, contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher at 303-795-4711.



Residential streets are typically not plowed except in the event of a major storm, and only when authorized by the City Manager. However, a request for maintenance at a specific location

to eliminate a severe hazard may be made by calling the City's Call Center at 303.325.8000. Locations that will receive attention are generally limited to hills and intersections with steep grades.

According to policy, the City does not remove snow from public sidewalks or ice build-up in gutters. The City strongly encourages residents and businesses to remove snow from sidewalks adjoining their property within 24 hours after a snowstorm ends.

It is the resident's responsibility to clear the snow from their sidewalks, including driveway openings after City snowplows have cleared the roadways. However, please be thoughtful when shoveling or plowing, as placing snow into a public street is a violation that is subject to enforcement by the Sheriff's Office.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 303.325.8000 or visit our Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com.

Calling all neighborhoods & HOAs

The City of Centennial is encouraging all neighborhoods, homeowner associations (HOAs) and civic associations to register on the City's Web site. Each neighborhood group can list, at no charge, its meetings, location, and web address online.

By registering your neighborhood, you will receive the latest information about what is going on in your City and a Neighborhood Resource Guide. Visit www.centennialcolorado.com and go to the Living section and click on Neighborhoods.

Summer Events schedule coming soon!

It may feel like winter now, but summer is just around the corner— and the City is gearing up for another great season of fun family events! Look for the schedule of summer events in the next **Centennial Connection!**



The Centennial City Council has approved the development of engineering and construction documents for the design of the Civic Center Park. Input received from the community throughout the last year will be incorporated into the plans for the park.

In addition, the City secured a grant of nearly \$200,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado, to help with the expenses of this endeavor. Pending further action from City Council after the engineering documents are complete, construction of the 11-acre park adjacent to the Centennial Civic Center on Arapahoe Rd. is expected to start in 2010.

For more information about the Civic Center Park, contact Gary Wilson at 303-754-3446 or via email at gwilson@centennialcolorado.com.



The City of Centennial is currently re-writing the Land Development Code for the City. There have been numerous meetings giving the public opportunity to comment on the current and proposed new code.

The current code is a modified version of Arapahoe County's zoning regulations that do not adequately address development issues of an urban city. The new code is aimed at implementing goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan, various sub-area plans, and Our Voice, Our Vision, Centennial 2030.

The new code seeks to provide additional protections to existing neighborhoods from adjacent commercial development, while allowing development and redevelopment of the City's aging commercial centers to be the high-quality citizens expect.

The Land Development Code public hearings are scheduled for Planning and Zoning Commission on

February 10th and 24th, 2010. The staff presentation will occur on February 10th, with public comments taken on both February 10th and the 24th. A recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission will be made to City Council on February 24th. For further information and City Council hearing updates, please visit www.centennialcodeupdate.com or contact Rita McConnell, Deputy Director of Planning and Development at 303-754-3316 or e-mail to rmcconnell@centennialcolorado.com.

The Planning and Development Department continues to educate and provide opportunity for feedback to Centennial residents and business owners. Stay tuned for information on these upcoming events and projects:

- 2010 Transportation Master Plan community meetings
- Building seminars on basement remodeling and deck construction
- Adoption of the 2009 ICC Building Codes
- Community preservation code amendments

Coyote Update: Breeding season is underway

Coyote breeding season is from January to March, with the pups arriving March through May. During this time of year, coyotes are more visible, very territorial, and can be more assertive in protecting their territory which is generally in the open spaces. They continue to be seen in and around Centennial neighborhoods.

While walking dogs outdoors, citizens should carry a whistle or small air horn to encourage coyotes away from them if the coyote gets too close. Be alert and aware of your surroundings.

The City has a leash law requiring that all dogs are to be placed on a 6 foot leash unless the pet is in a designated dog park where dogs are allowed to be off leash.

Coyotes are watching and learning from us; we influence their behavior, and it will be our actions that determine what the young coyotes learn. We want the next generation of coyotes to be naturally afraid of humans and not find our neighborhoods or back yards to be a safe place to live.

Remember to Protect Pets by:

- Always keep cats indoors
- Leash pets with a 6 foot leash while walking them
- Keep pets inside at night
- Small dogs should never be left unattended in the yard

For important information about living with wildlife, hazing coyotes and removing attractants visit the City's Web site at www.centennialcolorado.com. Look under the Living section at the top of the home page and click Living with Wildlife.

Please submit reports about coyotes by clicking the Coyote Response button on the left side of the home page on the City's Web site.



USE CAUTION WHEN PLANNING NEW LANDSCAPE DESIGNS

Spring is right around the corner and soon residents will be planting flowers, updating property "curb appeal" and consequently landscaping alongside City streets. Please be aware when planning landscape updates that placing immovable objects, such as large landscape boulders or rocks, too close to the street pavement creates a major safety hazard for vehicles and may cause pedestrians to walk in the street.

A property owner may be liable for damages and injuries caused by the placement of immovable objects along roadways. Please make sure you do not place objects in the City's right-of-way. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the Public Works Department at (303) 325-8000.

Housing rehab program available in Centennial

The City of Centennial and the Littleton Housing Authority (LHA) have partnered to provide a Housing Rehabilitation Program for homeowners living in Districts 1 and 2 of Centennial. This new program is funded by a HOME funds grant in the amount of \$150,000 through Arapahoe County.

The Centennial Rehabilitation Program provides low-interest loans to homeowners living in single-family homes and duplexes. The loans are customized to fit the needs of the homeowner, with repayment depending on income and ability to pay.

All types of renovations can be made, including repairs to roofing, electrical systems, plumbing, gutters, flooring, heating systems, windows and doors. Small remodeling jobs such as handicap retrofit for kitchens and bathrooms can also be provided through this program.

Contact Kimberly Kingston, LHA's Rehab Coordinator, at 303-991-5301 to learn more about the program and to see if you qualify.

2010 BUDGET UPDATE

On November 2, 2009, the Mayor and City Council approved the 2009 Revised and 2010 Annual budgets.

Due to the general state of the economy, revenues were not as high as anticipated for 2009. Revised revenues for 2009 are projected at \$42.6 million for the City's main operating fund, the General Fund, approximately \$3.9 million less than the 2009 Adopted Budget.

The General Fund, in the 2010 Adopted Budget, will remain at or below the 2009 Revised Budget amounts except for instances where mandated costs (contractual obligations, legal liabilities, utilities, etc.) beyond staff's control, require an increase. The 2010 Adopted General Fund revenues total \$43.4 million, approximately \$3.1 million or 6.6% less than the 2009 Adopted Budget. General fund expenditures, including transfers to other funds, total \$43.7 million, which is a decrease of 5.8% from the 2009 Adopted Budget.

The City has maintained a healthy general fund balance and expects to end 2010 at \$14.8 million or at 33.9% of total operating expenditures and transfers. The City intends to preserve its fund balance for unexpected emergencies and to assist the City in earning a strong credit rating.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Responsible pet ownership means knowing your pet's needs and taking care of your pet while being considerate of others.

- **License your pet & provide permanent ID.** If your pet becomes lost Centennial Animal Services will attempt to return your licensed pet back to you. Adding a Microchip to your pet increases the chance of your pet being returned quickly.
- **Spay or Neuter your pet.** Spaying and neutering has many health benefits and can improve the length and quality of life for your pet. Animal licenses for spay or neutered pets cost less.
- **Train, socialize, exercise and provide vet care.** Training builds confidence and strengthens the human-animal bond. A well socialized pet feels comfortable with new situations. Just like people, animals need exercise to be healthy.
- **Do not allow your pets to become a threat or nuisance.** Know and obey all animal laws. Make sure you have a securely fenced yard so your pet will not run loose.

Now that winter is here it is important to not leave pets outdoors when temperatures drop! Here are a few tips for dealing with pets during winter weather:

- Wild animals and cats left outside may seek your car engine for warmth during the winter months. Bang on the hood a few times before starting the engine.
- Dogs and cats should be kept inside if possible. If dogs are left outside, they should have a draft-free shelter large enough to stand and turn around in, yet small enough to retain body heat. Use a layer of straw or other bedding material to help insulate pets against the cold.
- Outdoor animals typically need more calories in the winter, so feed them accordingly when the temperature drops. Talk to your veterinarian for advice on the proper diet.
- Many pets like to go outside to romp and stomp in the snow, but many people use powerful salt and chemicals on their sidewalks to combat the ice. Clean pets' paws after your outing to prevent their pads from becoming dry and irritated. Signs of ingestion include excessive drooling, vomiting and depression.



FREE

**DON'T FORGET...
BECAUSE WE CARE ABOUT
CENTENNIAL'S KIDS**

**SUNDAY – THURSDAY
11:00 P.M.**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY
12:00 A.M.**



CITY OF CENTENNIAL OFFICES

**Main Telephone Number for all City
Information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**

303-325-8000

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www.ArapahoeSheriff.org

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DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULE

District 2

February 25 - 7 p.m.
Koelbel Library
5955 South Holly Street

March 25 - 7 p.m.
Koelbel Library
5955 South Holly Street

April 29 - 7 p.m.
Southglenn Library
6972 S. Vine Street

District 4

February 18 - 7 -8:30 p.m.
Smoky Hill Library
5430 S. Biscay Circle

To find out which Council District
you live in and to confirm these
meeting dates visit our Web site at
www.centennialcolorado.com.



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the counter while you
wait!

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*Complete application means that all required documents and fees have been included. **Includes decks, patio covers, basement finishes, and other minor building permits. See the Building Division for a complete list of projects eligible for a "Rapid Review".

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF I-25 AND ARAPAHOE RD. TO BEGIN SOON

An Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to the I-25 and Arapahoe Road Interchange will begin in the next few months. The Environmental Assessment will seek information from neighborhoods impacted by any and all alternatives that might be examined.

The consultant David Evans and Associates will be guiding the EA process on behalf of Arapahoe County, the cities of Centennial and Greenwood Village, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration.

If Centennial residents and businesses want to be updated throughout the EA, they can sign up for e-mail notification by e-mailing Leah Langerman at LLangerman@deainc.com.